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SUBJ: CIVAIR: IRISH AIRLINES SUSPENDS CERTAIN FLIGHTS

1. IRISH AIRLINES, WHICH REDUCED SERVICES BETWEEN DUBLIN, ZURICH AND ROME LAST WEEK BECAUSE OF REDUCED SUPPLIES IN SWITZERLAND AND ITALY, IS SUSPENDING ADDITIONAL LIGHTLY-BOOKED FLIGHTS DURING DECEMBER ALLEGEDLY TO CONSERVE FUEL. FLIGHT INVOLVED ARE SCHEDULED SERVICES ON DOMESTIC, BRITISH AND CONTINENTAL ROUTES, AS WELL AS CHARTER SERVICES AND EXTRA FLIGHTS WHICH HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR CHRISTMAS PERIOD. AIRLINE SPOKESMAN SAID FURTHER SUSPENSIONS WERE LIKELY ON MOST ROUTES AS FUEL SUPPLIES BECOME SHORTER, AND "US AUTHORITIES ALSO EXPECTED DEMAND" AIRLINE CUT BACK EXTRA CHRISTMAS PERIOD FLIGHTS. SPOKESMAN SAID AIRLINE WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO CATER FOR TRAVELLERS TO IRELAND DURING HOLIDAY PERIOD.

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2. GOI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND POWER CIVAIR DIVISION

OFFICIAL FAHY TOLD ECON/COMMOFF, HOWEVER, THAT SHORTAGE OF JET FUEL HAD NOT RPT NOT HIT IRELAND AS YET. THERE WERE APPARENT SHORTAGES IN ITALY AND SWITZERLAND, BUT IRISH AIRLINE WAS ACTUALLY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF WORLD FUEL CRISIS TO ELIMINATE UN-ECONOMIC FLIGHTS. EMBASSY HAS KEPT CIVAIR DIVISION INFORMED OF INFO ON FUEL SITUATION RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT, AND, THUS FAR, NO REAL CONCERN HAS BEEN EXPRESSED BY GOI. SORENSON

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